

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

July 16, 2001
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmembers Davidson, Degginger, Lee, and Noble

ABSENT: Councilmember Creighton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Mosher, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers except Mr. Creighton were present. Mr. Lee led the flag salute.

(a) Proclaiming August 5, 2001, as National Kids Day in Bellevue

Mayor Mosher read a proclamation declaring August 5, 2001, as National Kids Day in Bellevue.

(b) Proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month

Deputy Mayor Marshall read a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month. Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran invited the public to the City's National Kids Day event on August 5 at the International Children's Play Area in Crossroads Park. He thanked the Council for its support of programs for children.

(c) Introduction of Bellevue Sister Cities Association student exchange participants from Liepaja, Latvia, and Kladno, Czech Republic

Judy Louisell, Sister Cities Program Administrator, explained that the Bellevue Sister Cities Association (BSCA) participates in student exchanges with all four Bellevue sister cities each summer. Inta Gotelli, a member of BSCA's Liepaja Committee, introduced the following students visiting from Liepaja: Baiba Kupe, Victorijs Kiske, and Aigars Laugalis. Local students leaving for Liepaja in late July are Mara Burnell, Vija Pelekis, and Peteris Otlans.

Dorothy Webb, Chair of the Kladno Committee, introduced Marquis Martin-Easton and Katherine Lee, who will be going to Kladno in late July. Marquis recently accepted a four-year scholarship to Princeton University and looks forward to traveling to Europe. Marquis and Katherine thanked Council for supporting the student exchange program. Ms. Webb introduced the two students currently here from Kladno: Jiri Kalembe and Ludmila Ruzickova.

Ms. Webb reminded Council of the annual BSCA picnic on Saturday, July 21, 5:30 p.m., at the Botanical Gardens.

(d) Jurisdictional Outreach Achievement Award from Washington Association of Building Officials

Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry announced that the Building Officials of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond, recently received a Jurisdictional Outreach Achievement Award from the Washington Association of Building Officials. Mr. Terry thanked Mike Brennan, Bellevue's Building Official, for his work with other cities to improve consistency in the administration of construction codes. The group is also leading an effort within the E-Gov Alliance to enable customers to electronically submit applications, check permit status, and obtain information on city services.

Councilmember Degginger commended these efforts and thanked Mr. Brennan for his hard work.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Candace Taylor, owner and manager of The Seasons Apartments on NE 1st Street, expressed opposition to the proposed bus layover zone to be located in front of the complex. She discussed concerns regarding noise, fumes, and the loss of parking spaces on the street.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager: None.

6. Council Business

Dr. Davidson attended a lunch with visitors from Yao, Japan, one of Bellevue's Sister Cities, at Robinswood Park.

Mr. Noble attended meetings of the Eastside Transportation Partnership and the Downtown Implementation Plan transportation subgroup.

Mr. Lee attended the grand opening of the Crossroads Park expansion. He encouraged everyone to participate in the August 5 National Kids Day celebration.

Mr. Degginger participated in a walking tour of Downtown Bellevue sponsored by the Seattle Architecture Foundation. He noted the organization will conduct a tour of Bellevue Botanical Gardens later this summer.

Deputy Mayor Marshall and Mr. Noble interviewed applicants for the vacancy on the Arts Commission on June 26.

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to appoint Donnelly Wilburn to the Arts Commission, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to appoint Donnelly Wilburn to the Arts Commission carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mrs. Marshall reported that Councilmember Creighton has been diagnosed with a medical condition that may compromise his ability to attend regular Council meetings during the next several weeks. Since under state law a Councilmember shall forfeit his office if he fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without being excused by the Council, Mrs. Marshall suggested Council take action to excuse Mr. Creighton's absences.

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to excuse Councilmember Creighton's absence from regular meetings of the City Council for the period July 16 through August 6, 2001, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to excuse Councilmember Creighton's absence from regular meetings of the City Council for the period July 16 through August 6, 2001, carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mrs. Marshall noted an important meeting of the I-90 Committee scheduled for July 17 to discuss new safety recommendations for the I-90 project.

Mayor Mosher said he received a call from Senator Patty Murray to discuss funding for the study of alternative R-8A for the I-90 project as well as other transportation issues. Mr. Mosher thanked City staff and the community for their work on the 4th of July event in Downtown Park. He said approximately 35,000 people attended the event. He thanked staff for completing the expansion of Crossroads Park and encouraged the public to visit this nice park. Mr. Mosher noted that *Governing* magazine has an interesting and relevant article regarding the revitalization of neighborhood shopping centers.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Mr. Noble requested pulling item 8(i) to allow an opportunity for comments.

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

- ➡ The motion to approve the amended Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of the May 2, 2001 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees,
Community College District VIII
Minutes of June 11, 2001 Extended Study Session
Minutes of June 18, 2001 Study Session
Minutes of June 18, 2001 Regular Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending June 25, 2001, and payroll for the period June 1 through June 15, 2001.
- (c) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending July 10, 2001, and payroll for the period June 16 through June 30, 2001.
- (d) Resolution No. 6566 authorizing execution of a contract to purchase one aerial ladder truck from American LaFrance Northwest in the amount of \$703,787 as part of the deployment of a second Light Force.
- (e) Resolution No. 6567 authorizing execution of an agreement with TriData Corporation to perform a fire station needs and location analysis for the Fire Protection/Life Safety component of the Downtown Bellevue Implementation Plan Update in the amount of \$99,855.
- (f) Resolution No. 6568 authorizing a professional service agreement in the amount of \$211,200 to The Brodie Group for development of the Geographic Land Information System.
- (g) Ordinance No. 5303 relating to adoption of the 1999 National Electrical Code, addition of permit and inspection requirements for data and telecommunications systems, and standardization of electrical regulations between Bellevue and surrounding jurisdictions; amending Sections 23.30.010, 23.30.020, 23.30.025, 23.30.030, 23.30.100, 23.30.110, and 23.30.130; and adding new sections 23.30.040 on Receptacles, 23.30.140 on Emergency Systems, and 23.30.150 on Communication Class 2 and Class 3 Cables of the Electrical Code chapter of the Bellevue City Code.
(The Electrical Division of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries began enforcing these new rules in April 2001.)
- (h) Ordinance No. 5304 authorizing execution of a grant contract with the State of Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to accept \$142,010 in grant funds for the Eastside Narcotics Task Force; establishing a project within the Operating Grants and Donations Fund by appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.
- (j) Resolution No. 6570 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Keyes, Pensiero, Giacobazzi, Inc. (KPG) in the amount of \$94,975 to

develop the Street Treatment Manual funded as part of the Arterial Classification Study.

- (k) Motion to award Bid No. 0133 for exterior repainting of Crossroads North and South steel reservoirs in the amount of \$113,152 to Western Industrial, Inc. as low bidder.
- (l) Resolution No. 6571 authorizing execution of a Relinquishment of Sewer Easements for three sanitary sewer easements no longer required by the City.
- (m) Resolution No. 6572 authorizing execution of an agreement with LOGON.NET for project management services in the amount of \$92,000 for replacement of the Fleet and Communications Maintenance Management Information System.

Item for Council discussion:

- (i) Resolution No. 6569 authorizing execution of a consultant agreement for engineering services with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$522,589 to perform engineering services for the design of the 2002 and 2003 Street Overlay Program. The street segments to be overlaid in the 2003 overlay contract will be determined at a later date in concert with the Comprehensive Neighborhood Investment Program. (CIP Plan No. PW-M-1)

Mr. Noble expressed concern with the cost and necessity of this contract. He met with staff to discuss the project and asked them to consider during the next budget process whether it would be more cost effective to provide these services in-house rather than through a consultant in the future, acknowledging that this might entail the hiring of one or two FTEs to minimize the need for outside services.

➡ Mr. Noble moved to approve Resolution No. 6569, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6569 carried by a vote of 6-0.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use

- (a) Ordinance No. 5305 approving the rezone application of the Seneca Real Estate Group, Inc. and OC Real Estate Management to allow for additional uses to those granted by the 1989 Concomitant Agreement No. 14463 adopted by Ordinance No. 4010. (*Discussed during Study Session on July 9.*)

Mrs. Marshall noted that Council discussed this matter last week and the City has not received any public comment on the proposal.

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5305, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5305 carried by a vote of 6-0.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 5306 establishing parking restrictions and authorizing the creation of on-street layover/recovery zones for Sound Transit and King County Metro services needed for the September 2001 service changes as part of the Downtown Bellevue Transportation Center Project; and amending section 1 of Ordinance No. 4993.

Kris Liljeblad, Transportation Assistant Director, said proposed Ordinance No. 5306 is a follow-up to Council's February 2000 discussion with staff regarding bus layover zones needed for the implementation of the transit distributed services plan.

Steve Sindiong, Senior Planner, provided a brief history of the project. He introduced Sally Turner and David Hall, representatives of King County Metro. Mr. Sindiong said Council endorsed the distributed services alternative in May 1999 and approved a resolution in February 2000 creating specific bus layover zones. The distributed facilities approach will help to spread transit services throughout downtown Bellevue and increase the capacity of the existing Transit Center. Metro will implement service changes on September 29, which will include enhanced routes as part of the distributed services plan.

Mr. Sindiong displayed a list of September 2001 layover locations and noted that some locations identified in the February resolution will not be needed. He reviewed the following schedule for improvements to Bellevue Transit Center:

- Complete Stage I, street improvements in preparation for transit center construction, by fall 2001.
- Complete Stage II final design by June 2002.
- Acquire all permits related to the construction of Stage II.
- Begin Stage II construction in the fall of 2001.

Mrs. Marshall discussed previous concerns regarding the loss of parking spaces near Bellevue Regional Library due to the creation of bus layover zones. She noted Council recently approved an ordinance to create approximately 40 on-street parking spaces near the library.

Mrs. Marshall said she is now concerned about the potential loss of parking spaces in the vicinity of Old Bellevue where parking is needed to support small retailers. In response to Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Sindiong said attempts to identify an alternative location have been unsuccessful.

Dr. Davidson is opposed to the loss of parking spaces to accommodate bus layover locations. He suggested utilizing Metro properties located in Bellevue for this purpose.

In response to Mr. Degginger, Mr. Sindiong said it is difficult to find appropriate bus layover locations that will accommodate a 60-foot bus. Mr. Degginger agreed with Mrs. Marshall that a desirable urban design has been developed along NE 1st Street with street-level retail and the

nearby park, and now the City is proposing to eliminate needed parking spaces. He encouraged the identification of an alternative layover site.

In response to Mr. Lee, Mr. Sindiong said the SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) checklist review was initiated in November 1998 and the City received no responses at that time from any of the affected properties. In recent months, Mr. Sindiong contacted some of the affected property owners where he felt there might be opposition. The only opposition voiced so far has been from The Seasons Apartments. The SEPA checklist identified noise impacts at The Seasons, assuming that engines would be idling. As a mitigation measure, buses at this location would be instructed to turn off their engines if parked for more than a couple of minutes.

Mr. Noble said he discussed this issue with Councilmember Creighton and they both are concerned about the potential loss of parking spaces. Mr. Noble is not convinced that all of the layover locations are necessary. He will not support the use of layover location 8 (NE 1st Street).

Mayor Mosher recalled that Council's support of the distributed services approach was based partly on a desire to spread the buses out and avoid excessive congestion around the transit center. He noted that any project is likely to draw some complaints from the public.

In response to Dr. Davidson, Mr. Hall said it is common in Seattle for buses to stop periodically in layover locations. Approximately 20 percent of the buses in downtown Seattle layover at Convention Place. Remaining buses tend to rest in north Seattle or toward the south Metro base.

Mrs. Marshall supports the distributed services approach and most of the layover locations in downtown Bellevue. She feels it is critically important to enhance transit services for Bellevue and the Eastside. Her only concern is with layover location 8 (NE 1st Street) due to the limited availability of parking in that area to support retail businesses.

- ➡ Mr. Degginger moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5306, amended to delete Item D (layover location on NE 1st Street) under Section 2, and to direct staff to identify alternative layover locations for Council consideration. Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion.

Mr. Noble works in downtown Seattle and does not recall seeing bus layovers on the major, frequently traveled streets. Noting that Metro provides off-street layover locations in Seattle, he asked if Metro could provide similar facilities in Bellevue and the Eastside.

Mr. Lee said he will support the proposed approach as an interim solution to achieve improved transit service in Bellevue.

- ➡ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5306, as amended, carried by a vote of 5-1 with Dr. Davidson dissenting.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 9:16 p.m., Mayor Mosher declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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